

CRUFTS 11

King Charles Spaniels

I would like to sincerely thank the Crufts committee who honoured me with the great pleasure of judging King Charles Spaniels at Crufts. It was a great day for me. I enjoyed every minute of the show, my two CC & RCC winners were superb with all the qualities I expected of the breed. BOB, Ch Maibee Theo, such a lovely tri boy of perfect size, good drive, moving round the ring, in super coat & condition with a wonderful outline, his head is a dream; RDCC, also a truly typical Charlie in lovely rich ruby colour, liked him a lot. I was very pleased with my entry of 129 dogs despite some absentees. My BCC winner whom I was seeing for the first time was a lovely size with a short compact body & a perfect topline, very pretty head with sweetest expression, moved with drive & elegance but just needed a bit more coat to go further on the day; my RBCC had a lot to offer in type, scored on her lovely head & expression. Movement is still a problem in the breed, as well a falling croups & toplines but in general I was pleased with the overall quality. However in some classes bone & substance as well as good ribcages were lacking which is sad because they are among the main points of the Standard.

VD 1 Ch Rytonion Out Of The Blue, very lovely b/t of 9 years, I remember giving him a CC some years ago, still in very good condition for age, beautiful head & expression, still moving very well like a young boy, keeping his topline; 2 Chacombe Jackson, lovely tri of excellent quality, still in good condition for age, good head, moved well; 3 Cofton Never Say Never Again, another excellent dog in good condition who is a worthy ch, still sound & moved correctly.

PD 1 Hoobarton lolo Amantra, very attractive puppy of good size & shape, lovely construction & structure, gorgeous head, nicely marked, moved well & soundly. It was a hard choice to make for BP which went to the puppy bitch; 2 Justacharma Oh So Magic, correct puppy of small size, moves very soundly & with style, lovely head & expression. Just a bit small for a male; 3 Paulian Patented, pretty little tri boy, a bit feminine. Short compact body but lacks substance.

JD 1 Fire Fly Efton Cofton, lovely blen of correct type & construction, moving quite well, good head & expression, good size, well broken coat markings; 2 Downsbank All That Jazz, strong b/t, correct head & good type. Lacks a bit of refinement but he moved well keeping his topline; 3 P Patented.

YD This class was a bit disappointing but then again dogs in this age are rather immature. 1 P Patented; 2 Pomelo Tripple Chance, good size, well marked, pretty head but needs more cushioning, moving correctly; 3 Beechglen Gabriel, tri of good size, good head but also needs a bit more cushioning, correct body & movement.

PGD 1 Lillijay Percy Cute Khatibi, beautiful blen with well broken coat, body of correct proportions, excellent movement, compact body; 2 Tucherish Sundance, short compact dog of correct type, b/t with lovely head, keeping his topline on the move but a bit too proud of his tail; 3 Beechglen Summertime, strong boy, could be prettier in head but has bone & substance which are qualities that the breed is losing at the moment.

LD 1 Tucherish Stanley Diggle, lovely tri of good quality & soft expression, excellent body proportions, moving very well; 2 Headrea's Chocolate Dlite, small dog, slightly feminine with pretty face, moved very well; 3 Tudorhurst Matador, what a beautiful blen, perfect head & size, lovely shape & body. He did not want to move properly & I was heartbroken to only be able to give him third place because of this.

OD I was spoilt for choice in this class as any of my first five dogs could compete for the CC, but nevertheless it was easy to choose my CC & RCC winners who were two superb dogs moving like Charlies should move, keeping their toplines & showing off their beautiful heads with the right type & expression. It was such a pleasure to a pleasure to watch them. 1 Maibe Theo, very well made dog of perfect size & shape, good bone for this small size which is so important, super topline & tailset, moved very well with drive, gorgeous head with an extremely soft expression, beautiful eyes with lovely ears framing his face. His only fault is that he lacks body markings for a tri but colour is only cosmetic & does not detract from the overall quality of this dog. It was a

pleasure to award him the CC & BOB; 2 Marchdog Macflannel, another good dog of excellent type, loved his construction & topline, beautiful head & eyes, good rich ruby colour, short compact body. Just needs a bit more neck & coat to finish the picture. Did not hesitate in awarding him the RCC; 3 Ch Maibe Blue Bayou at Nisyros, excellent size with short compact body. Pretty head, lovely character, moved very well.

GCD 1 Othese Arnaud To, up to size, eyes could be bigger, but very sound boy, holding his topline on the move.

VB 1 Ch Tucherish Violetta, pretty bitch with sweet head, lovely eyes & good body, her size & proportions are perfect, moved with drive & dynamism; 2 Kasmanda My Little Madam, good size, nice compact body, good bone, moved correctly; 3 Maibe Alexis at Simannie, excellent quality, lovely feminine head & expression, ideal size, her movement was not so good.

PB 1 Amantra Topaz, lovely tri girl from an excellent kennel, nice head, loved her construction, topline is perfect which gives her elegance & style on the move, good shoulder placement, will surely have a very bright future if she continues to develop in this way. BP; 2 Paulian Prudence for Beewye, pretty bitch of excellent proportions, head has yet to mature, moved & showed well; 3 Othemese Tiffany Tovarich, nice ruby with excellent body, head still a bit small but should improve with age. Slightly long in loin.

JB 1 Penemma Sweet Dream, very lovely blen with beautiful head & movement keeping her topline on the move, super character; 2 Amantra Summer Chintz, blen with rich chestnut markings, lovely type, good head, short cobby body, excellent topline; 3 Stonepit Dolly Daydream, pretty blen of superb quality, has everything going for her but another who did not want to move properly. If she can gain confidence in the ring will be a future star.

YB Rather a disappointing class, heads, movement & croups were really a problem. 1 Sleepyhollow Inky Pinky, pretty tri, good size & lovely head, moves correctly; 2 Maynorth Fallen From Heaven, good bitch to breed from, correct head, good colour & topline; 3 Ouzlewell Carte D'Amour, correct type of small bitch, moves well.

PGB 1 Baldragon Heaven Scent, tri bitch of very good type & quality, has a lovely head & expression, correct neck & shoulders, moving with style & drive, was definitely a contender for the CC or the RCC but was lacking coat; 2 Cofton Bop To The Top, small bitch, very well made who moved well but showing no enthusiasm on the move; 3 Vashdown My Fair Lady, very well made bitch, good angulation & drive. Head could be a better size.

LB Very good class with a lot of quality bitches to choose from. 1 Maibee Olivia, beautiful blen bitch, liked her bone as well as her strong but good sized body, lovely head & eyes giving her the beautiful King Charles expression, moving with style & showing very well. Caught my eye on entering the ring & her perfect topline, croup & tailset completed a beautiful picture. Thoroughly deserved the RCC & was very close to the CC; 2 Maibee Dominique, what a great moving bitch, has drive & is so full of herself, beautiful head, short compact body. Just a bit small in size for me; 3 Baldragon Bootylicious, good bitch with excellent proportions, bit heavily marked but that is not important because of her overall qualities. Good body & shape, beautiful head, excellent character.

OB 1 Nastane Miss Dior avec Baldragon, this tri bitch also catches my eye, it was a pleasure to see her moving round the ring with confidence & that perfect neck & outline giving her this slightly arrogant look which like on a Charlie, small compact body, beautiful head & eyes, perfect markings, she was close to 1 in LB but her style made the difference. CC; 2 Amantra Charful at Headra, lovely tri bitch, moving very well, beautiful head. Her markings do not help but nevertheless her quality was obvious for this second place, her croup could be straighter; 3 Travilla Fancy Nancy for Pomelo, good bitch, what a pity she looked so sad. Short & compact.

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